

Rikki Tikki Tavi

PLOT DIAGRAM

MAJOR CHARACTERS

- o Rikki Tikki Tavi (protagonist)
- o Nag (antagonist)
- o Nagaina (antagonist)

MINOR CHARACTERS

- o Teddy
- o Teddy's mom & dad
- o Darzee
- o Darzee's wife
- o Chuchundra
- o Karait

Exposition

- **Setting-Time:** Late 1800s/early 1900s
- **Setting-Place:** Indian Jungle, bungalow, tropical climate

CONFLICT

- o Mostly external:
 - o Animal vs. Animal (Man v Man)
 - o Seen in RTT vs. Nagaina, RTT vs. Nag, & RTT vs. Karait
 - o Man v. Nature
 - o Teddy's father vs. Nag in the bathroom with the shotgun

RISING ACTION

1. RTT washed out of his burrow in a summer storm
2. RTT meets Teddy & family
3. RTT meets Nag/ They fight.
4. RTT vs. Karait (Karait is killed)
5. RTT meets Chuchundra (learns about the cobra eggs in the garden)
6. *RTT overhears Nag & Nagaina's plan to kill the family*
7. RTT vs Nag in the bathroom (Nag is killed)
8. Darzee's wife pretends to have a broken wing
9. RTT bites & smashes Nagaina's eggs.
10. Nagaina grabs her last egg and races off, trying to keep it safe.

CLIMAX

- Nagaina goes down the rat hole with RTT's teeth clenched on her tail.

FALLING ACTION

11. Darzee sings a death songs for RTT
12. RTT drags himself out of the rat hole, licking his whiskers and then falls asleep.
13. Coppersmith (bird) tells the news of RTT's success.
14. RTT eats a lot/ Sleeps beside Teddy

RESOLUTION

- RTT keeps cobras out of the garden
- (“They live happily ever after” 😊)

THEME

- Survival of the fittest—and of those with the most loyalty from others.
- (Teddy's family survives because RTT is loyal to them.)